

HARALAMBOS GROUTAS

JUNE 30, 1960.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4970]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 4970) for the relief of Haralambos Groutas, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable a native of Cyprus to enjoy the immigration status of one who was born in Great Britain.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following information was contained in House Report No. 1811, on the bill:

The beneficiary is a 40-year-old native of Cyprus, who is a subject of Great Britain. He was admitted to the United States in August of 1957 as a visitor. His three brothers are U.S. citizens and residents of this country. Another brother and three sisters reside in Cyprus. The beneficiary served honorably for 3 years in the British Army during World War II.

The facts in this case are contained in a letter dated May 18, 1959, from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., May 18, 1959.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 4970) for the relief of Haralambos Groutas, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the New York, N.Y., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of the date of its enactment upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that one number be deducted from the appropriate immigration quota.

The beneficiary is chargeable to the quota for Cyprus, a subquota of Great Britain.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE HARALAMBOS GROUTAS,
BENEFICIARY OF H.R. 4970

The beneficiary, Haralambos Groutas, also known as Charalambos Groutas, was born on August 19, 1919, in Pana, Lakatamia, Cyprus, and is a subject of Great Britain. He is single and resides in Rego Park, Long Island, N.Y. The beneficiary has had 9 years of grade-school education in his native country. He is employed as an operator in a paper manufacturing company in New York City and earns \$56 per week. His assets consist of \$3,600 in cash savings and personal effects valued at \$500. His three brothers are residents and citizens of the United States. He also has another brother and three sisters who are British subjects and residents of Cyprus.

The beneficiary's sole entry into the United States occurred at New York, N.Y., on August 7, 1957, when he was admitted as a visitor for pleasure for 6 months. He received one extension of his temporary stay until August 6, 1958. His application for preexamination was denied by this Service on January 14, 1959, for the reason that the Department of State had found that he was ineligible to receive a special nonquota immigrant visa under the provisions of section 15(a)(3) of the act of September 11, 1957, and a quota number under the fourth preference portion of the quota for Cyprus, to which he is chargeable, was unavailable. Thereafter he was granted until March 10, 1959, within which to depart from the United States. Deportation proceedings were instituted against the beneficiary on April 1, 1959, on the ground that he had remained in the United States for a

longer time than permitted. After a hearing held on April 8, 1959, he was granted the privilege of voluntary departure with the alternative order of deportation if he should fail to depart when required.

The beneficiary served honorably as a private in the British Army in Egypt and Italy for 3 years during World War II.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE LESTER HOLTZMAN BEFORE
SUBCOMMITTEE No. 1, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICI-
ARY, JUNE 6, 1960, on H.R. 4970

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I had been requested to introduce this legislation in behalf of Mr. Haralambos Groutas, who resides in my congressional district, at 61-04 75th Place, Rego Park, Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. Groutas, who was born in Cyprus and is a British subject as well as a Greek national entered this country in August 1957 as a visitor. He is single, and has three brothers all in this country and citizens of the United States. He was born in August 1919.

He served honorably in the British Army during World War II, and with the unsettled conditions in Cyprus several years ago had previously applied for a special nonquota visa under section 15(a)(3) of the act of September 11, 1957, as a refugee-escapee. This application, however, was denied.

As the brother of an American citizen he is entitled to fourth preference in the issuance of an immigrant visa, but the quota is so very heavily oversubscribed that his prospects of receiving such a visa in the not too distant future are not good.

He is most anxious to be permitted to remain permanently in this country, and I shall deeply appreciate any consideration the subcommittee may be able to give him in his desire to stay with his brothers.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 4970) should be enacted.



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